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SENATOR DE CAMP (Continued): You see, if you go on this theory of building up a big pile you can charge at and spend it's kind of like of putting ice cream and cake on a kid's plate. If you give him X amount, a little bowl, he's going to eat the whole bowl or if you make it a big bowl, he's going to eat the whole bowl. And so you only put out the little bowl and work within that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore. Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Lewis, Senator Nore does want to speak.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I'd like to have you know that I just made a little poll with some folks who are figuring income taxes out in my district and he says it's almost doubled what it was last year, the income tax they're paying.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR NORE: Keep that in mind.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Thank you. For those who have, first of all I would oppose Senator Marvel's motion to kill. For those who have apprised me of the fact that I'm doing this for the Governor, I would remind you you should have been doing something for me prior to about the 18th of December. It would have made it much easier for me. Secondly, in regard to Senator Carpenter's challenge, I accept it because Senator Carpenter has said here many times he loves to spend money and he's a spendthrift. So it's going to be interesting to run against Senator Carpenter as a conservative. Those have said it'll be very unique to do that, now I would suggest a couple of things. Certainly those who have brought up the problem of trying to project rates, that's difficult. Now, I would think that one of the things you might want to do would be for all of us to come in in special sessions the day of November and set the rate. Because I think everyone understands the obvious here. If we can float through November, twenty-five people are up for election with a low tax rate, then we can come back and make sure the people get what they deserve, an increase in taxes. Which probably creates more of a problem with the people than the other approach. Now, I would like to hear a lot of assurances by us to the people that the rate's not going to go up. Now, that's what they want. What we're really saying is we're going to tell them they're not going to have a tax rate, not until we're returned to office for two more years or four more years. And I think everybody knows that's the game that's going on. Who's kidding whom? No one. Now, in regard to some of the information that we've presented and Senator Warner has said, certainly I came to you and I think I said at the beginning that I was an expert in this area. Just like you, many of you are not experts in a number of areas. That's why we have a staff. I went to them and I said in your honest judgment and you're out of politics and this is not a political question for you. Do we have the revenue? And they said no. Now, people have come back and told you and be very careful about this, we've got enough money to finish the budget this year. That is correct, absolutely unequivocally correct. However, you see, Gentlemen, we're working on the budget for next year. And those people who